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The Future of the Law Firm: The Role and Position of Law Firms in a Deep Recession

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Moderated by Professor Nancy Rapoport

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Having weathered multiple recessions, Mr. Nordlinger will talk about the role and position of law firms in a deep recession. He will address the recent large-scale law firm layoffs and what they mean for the legal industry. He will discuss where law firms are seeing increased or decreased activity and the relationship between law firms and institutional clients. After his presentation, Mr. Nordlinger will be available to chat with students on a more informal basis in the lobby of the Thomas & Mack Moot Court Auditorium.

About Mr. Nordlinger:

Douglas E. Nordlinger represents clients in a broad array of corporate, commercial and finance-related transactions, with a particular emphasis on the energy industry and other infrastructure projects. In the course of his more than 27 years practice on matters throughout the world, he has advised clients in connection with mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, structured and project financings, commercial agreements, project developments, dispute resolutions and regulatory matters. In addition to his transactional practice, Mr. Nordlinger has represented clients before regulatory agencies, including the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, related to the energy industries and before U.S. courts, including the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Nordlinger also has counseled clients in matters before the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets in the United Kingdom.

About Skadden Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (UK) LLP:

In 2008, for the eighth straight year, Skadden was named the best corporate law firm in the United States in Corporate Board Member magazine's 2008 survey of "America's Best Corporate Law Firms," which asked more than 424 directors of publicly traded companies to identify the firms they most admire. Skadden also ranked first in a separate survey conducted by the magazine that asked 217 general counsel which law firms they would most want to represent their companies on national matters.